

Data Mining on the IPG

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Data Mining of Remotely Sensed Satellite Data

- ❖ **Definition:** “Data mining is the process by which information and knowledge are extracted from a potentially large volume of data using techniques that go beyond a simple search through the data.” [Data Mining Workshop - http://www.cs.uah.edu/NASA_Mining/]
- ❖ **Size of Data:** Currently mining data that is 75 MB for one day of global data (SSM/I). Much higher resolution data exists with significantly higher volume.



Example: Mining for Mesoscale Convective Systems

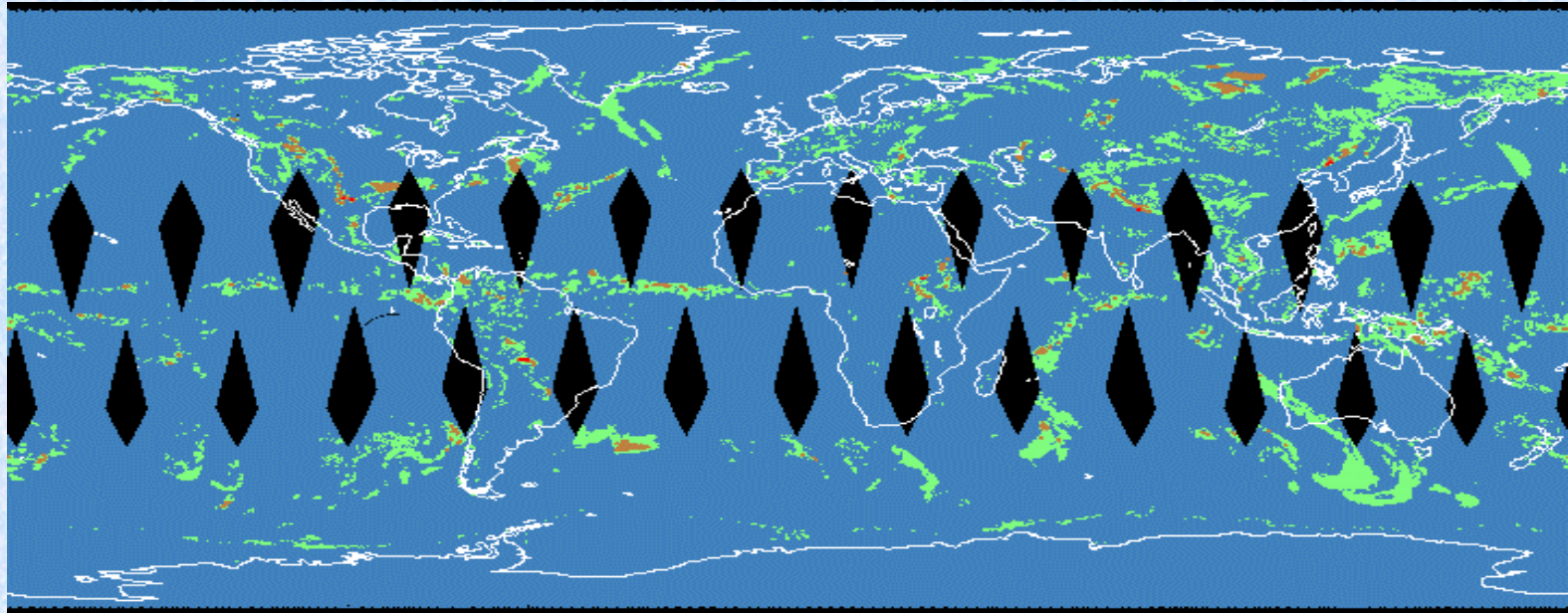


Image shows results from mining SSM/I data



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Why use a grid for this application?

- ❖ NASA has large volume of data stored in its archives.
 - ◆ E.g., In the Earth Science area, EOSDIS holds large volume of data at multiple archives
- ❖ Data archives not designed to support user processing
- ❖ Grids, coupled to archives, could provide such a computational capability for users



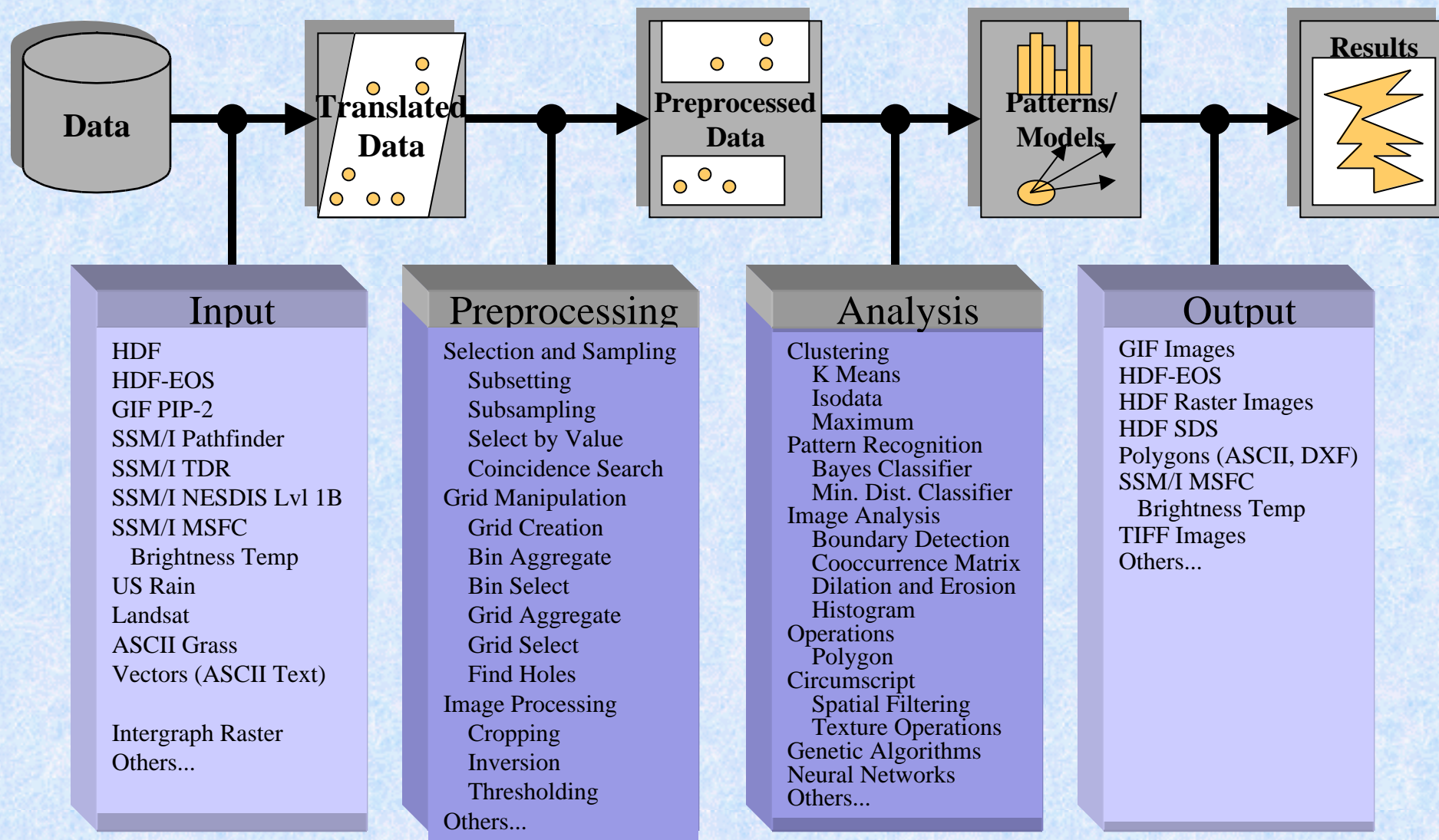
Starting point

- ❖ ADaM data mining system developed under NASA grant at the University of Alabama in Huntsville
 - ◆ Implemented as stand-alone, objected-oriented mining system written in C++
 - ◆ Runs on NT, IRIX, Linux
 - ◆ Has been used to support research personnel at the Global Hydrology and Climate Center and a few other sites.
- ❖ Mining plan is text file that indicates
 - ◆ Mining operators to be used and their sequence
 - ◆ Arguments to operators

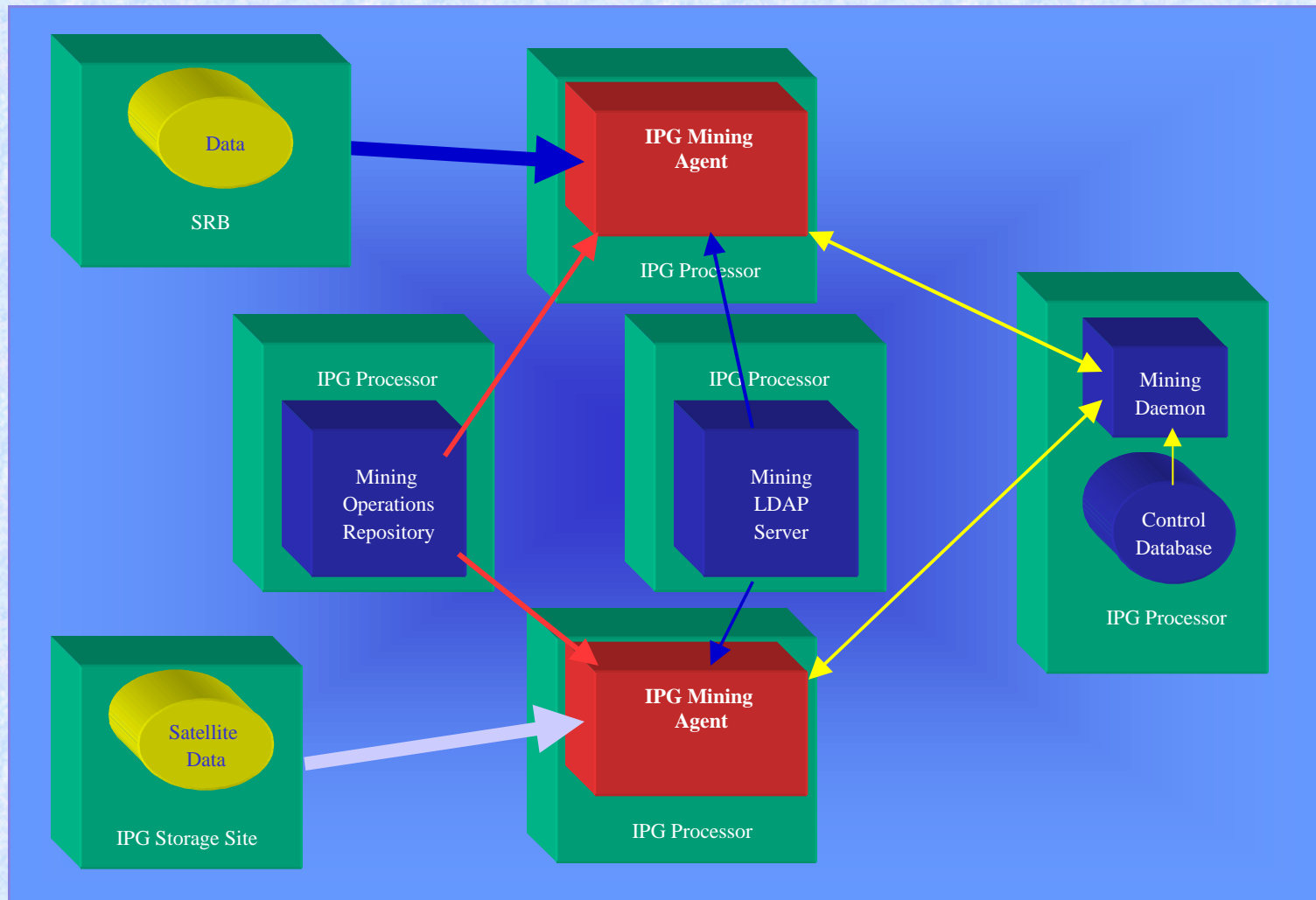


ADaM Operations

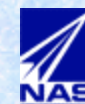
Each operation implemented as dynamically shared library, one operation per file.



IPG Mining Architecture



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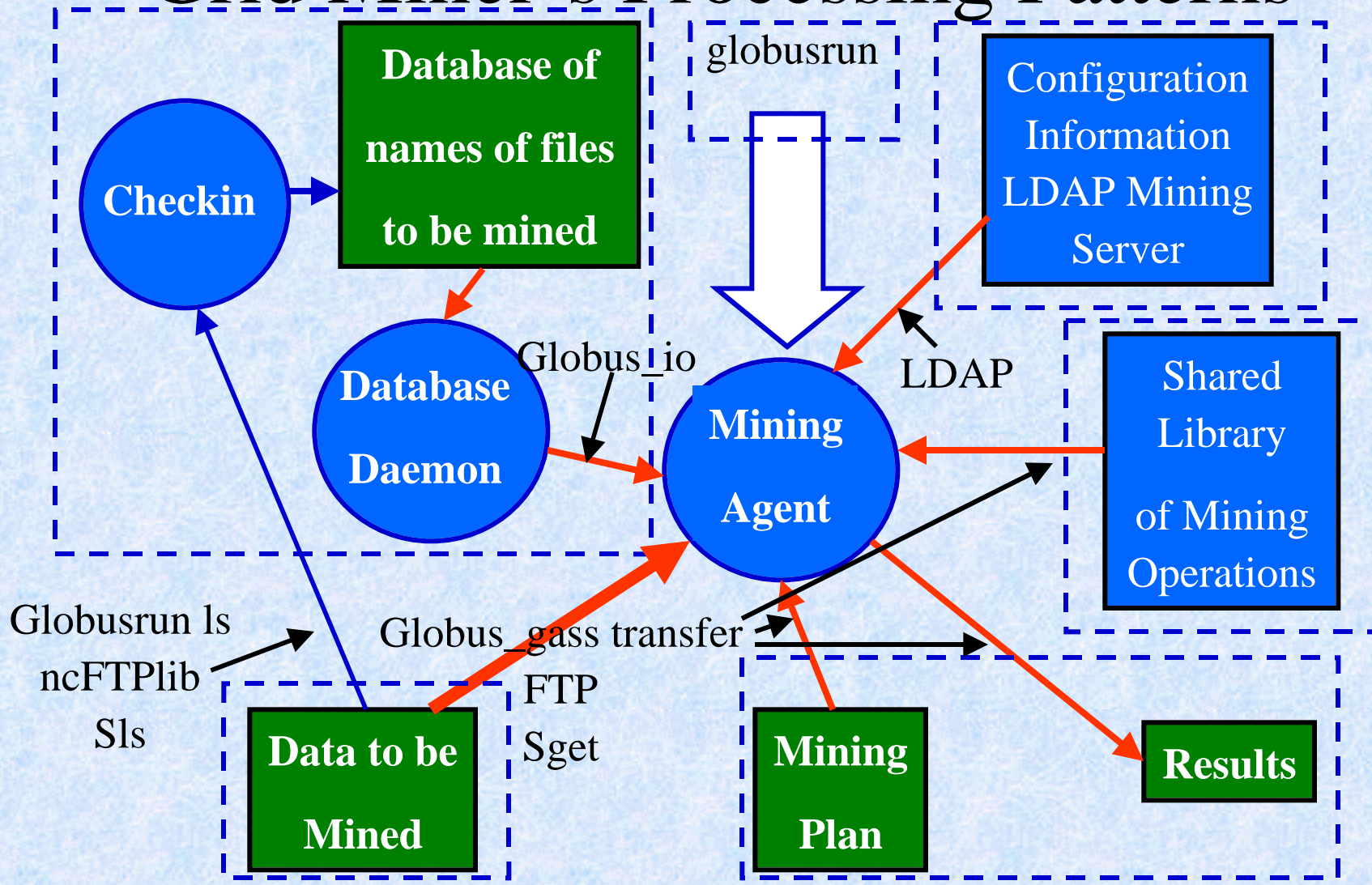
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How is the Grid being used

- ❖ Access and stage data and executables
 - ✦ Currently using globus-gass to access IPG resources (will convert to Grid-FTP when available)
 - ✦ Using normal FTP to access NASA archives
 - ✦ SRB functions to access SRB data
- ❖ Staging agents
 - ✦ Will be using globusrun to stage mining agent
- ❖ Using mining LDAP server to configure miner
 - ✦ E.g., URL for source of executables.



Grid Miner's Processing Patterns



Proposed mining on the IPG

- ❖ User accesses mining portal to
 - ◆ Develop mining plan
 - ◆ Identify data to be mined and check file names into Control Database
 - ◆ Identify nature of resources required to perform mining
 - ◆ Invoke mining system
- ❖ Mining portal stages N mining agents to IPG resources



Proposed mining on the IPG

❖ Mining agent

- ◆ Acquires configuration information from LDAP server
- ◆ Acquires mining plan from mining portal
- ◆ Acquires mining operations to support mining plan using just-in-time acquisition
- ◆ Acquires URLs of data to be mined from Control Database
- ◆ Transfers data using just-in-time acquisition
- ◆ Mines data
- ◆ Sends results to specified IPG site



Mining operator acquisition

- ❖ Vision is a number of source directories for
 - ◆ Public operators contributed by practitioners
 - ◆ For fee operators from a future mining.com
 - ◆ private operators available to a particular mining team



Vision

- ❖ The IPG is the foundation middleware for computationally intensive services
- ❖ Data mining is one such service
- ❖ Vision is for data mining service to have direct access to data stored on tertiary storage in the various NASA archives (not currently the case)
- ❖ Vision is for community-based mining service
 - ✦ Users contribute mining operators, which satisfy mining system API
 - ✦ Users can build mining plans, based on re-use of available mining operators
- ❖ Grid provides functions needed to support service



Current status and future

- ❖ Remote data access for Globus, FTP, SRB works and has been integrated with mining agent
- ❖ Multiple mining agents have been staged to 100 processors on Ames 512, each mining data from mixed Globus and SRB storage sites (with shared disk).
- ❖ Virtually all basic mechanisms have been prototyped to deploy agents to IPG processors without shared disk
- ❖ Currently undergoing final debugging
- ❖ Next step is development of mining portal
- ❖ Like to get NASA archives connected to grid



Collaborators

- ❖ John Rushing, now at Intel, who wrote most of the code from which the IPG miner is being developed.
- ❖ Jason Novotny, who wrote some of the Globus interface code, got the LDAP server up and running and provided valuable Globus consulting
- ❖ Personnel associated with the Storage Resource Broker at the San Diego Super Computer Center and SRB storage.
- ❖ NAS personnel who provided support and useful consulting
- ❖ Globus personnel who provide the Globus foundation and useful consulting
- ❖ Using computational resources at Glenn and Langley

